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We are transmitting under separate cover a memorandum prepared by

☐ ☐ on the subject of "Survey of PBCHORD Intel Potential."

Approved: ☐ ☐

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SUBJECT: Survey of ACL Intel Potential

1. It is ☐ opinion after eight months with ACL (Munich) that the intel potential of the project is solid but generally not for CS purposes and therefore not of the type requiring the special training and talents of an intel staffer for exploitation. The potential itself has been explained in previous dispatches along with some of the problems involved in its exploitation. They are here spelled out briefly in summation as support for the opening statement.

a. Information Potential and Exploitation

(1) Overt news collected by RadLib News Desk, Central Research Department, Monitoring Section, and Audience Analysis. This news is currently made available to New York by open telex line which is relayed through Berlin (assuring that it is "overt" by the time it reaches New York) or by overt mail to New York. In the case of less critical news, the mail channel is always utilized if the news is not likely to be available through US news services in New York. At best, ACL's external distribution of these items should be assumed to include all ODAGOG customers except, possibly KUMONK and KUKNOB. The one service which can be rendered with respect to this overt information, therefore, is speed. The telex-telephone combination to KUBARK Headquarters can be assumed to outrun other transmission systems for overt news and thus supply KUMONK with important news items ahead of other media. Follow up in many instances on this source can be made at KUBARK Headquarters. The principal source of this "hot" news will probably continue to be the Monitoring Section. (In view of this, the short-handedness and budget limitations imposed on this section at present might be reconsidered. There are also no non-emigre personnel in direct contact or control of this work, at present.)

(2) Covert information potential is restricted to Audience Research, Emigre Relations, and the special project handled independently by KUBARK Headquarters. As explained in a recent dispatch, the restrictions imposed by the AMCONFIDENTIAL stamp on this type of material do not guarantee security of the information. Mail is the normal channel. Also, there is no material in this category known to ☐ which is not incorporated into at least internal memoranda. Internal memoranda, it must be pointed out, are not sufficiently secure and it is doubtful that they can ever be made secure if distribution extends beyond one or two high level ACL (Munich) offices. All materials discussed in this category will have the AMCONFIDENTIAL stamp and in 99% of the cases this will be applied to protect the source rather than the information. Information in this case is almost always obtained by direct contacts with Soviet citizens either in the West or in the USSR, and almost never involves highly sensitive data which would pinpoint the source. Sources are normally lightly disguised in AMCONFIDENTIAL reports as a further precaution.

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b. ☐ ☐ Position

(1) While ☐ ☐ concurs that his position in Audience Research is probably the best location in ACL for a covert intel specialist, the work load, security restrictions, and physical situation do not and cannot lend themselves to much unusual activity. Answering of specific requirements for data are usually handled through Central Research with dispatch and security. ☐ ☐ overt duties do not permit the time for continuous study of the Soviet scene in detail to make a personal contribution feasible. With respect to requirements aimed at Audience Research access, ☐ ☐ is ideally placed and is able to handle such matters. It is, however, doubtful that a staff agent is necessary to handle this function, since the Manager is witting and has a normal close working arrangement with the Security Officer who passes Headquarters requirements and resulting reports.

(2) ☐ ☐ feels that he supplies an important function in making and keeping key personnel in ACL and KUBARK Headquarters aware of the intel potential of ACL, by briefing various KUBARK visitors to the project, and by having the working knowledge of KUBARK Headquarters processing to investigate the potential and its present means of transmittal. It is suggested, however, that under the present situation and restrictions against covert "operations" in BGAOTRESS proprietary projects, a replacement for ☐ ☐ in Audience Research should not be considered. At the same time, ☐ ☐ will probably not wish to extend his present assignment beyond the contract period. This is primarily because of the nature of ☐ ☐ career interests and training which are not possible of full exploitation for the reasons given above. With regard to overt duties, ☐ ☐ is quite satisfied that his contribution to the internal requirements of the project are useful and appreciated, and the position itself is both interesting and valuable area and language training, as well as excellent grounding in psychological warfare activity.

c. Recommendations

(1) ☐ ☐ recommends two steps to insure KUBARK Headquarters exploitation of ACL materials in the future:

(a) Assignment of a staff assistant to the Security Office (itself sorely needed) who has had reports training at KUBARK Headquarters and is thoroughly familiar with BGAOTRESS processing problems. Such a person would be able to maintain natural liaison with MOB and could spot and follow up where necessary on materials of intel interest in ACL. Fluency in reading and speaking Russian is essential.

(b) Assignment of at least one high level staff agent to the Institute. Such a person could handle special research requirements and also keep abreast of the excellent sources of current data available to

the Institute. He would have to have thorough written and spoken Russian ability, administrative ability and a thorough background in Soviet affairs. The necessity for such a person has been discussed in previous dispatches by []

(2) It is also suggested that consideration be given to training staff agents assigned to other projects in the collection and processing of positive information. In practical terms this might include a month or other suitable on-the-job training with BGACTRESS Reports & Requirements prior to overseas assignments, with special emphasis on the reports emanating from the project assigned. This should clearly be useful for Security officers assigned to ACL and RFE, and if [] experience is any criteria, such training could be expected to meet the normal requirements for information processing from the projects. Periodic field trips by Chief/BGACTRESS Reports would be a natural follow-up to insure maximum efficiency and familiarization with new procedures, etc.

2. None of the above discussion should be taken to mean that [] will not continue to make the maximum effort to fulfill the covert duties assigned him or that such duties are not necessary and useful. This dispatch is intended to reiterate in summary form the sources of supply for KUBARK Headquarters needs which do or can exist without the necessity of extensive training at KUBARK Headquarters in intelligence gathering and reporting. It is unfortunate that ACL external distribution and security problems do not lend themselves to the exploitation of material in CS form which had been hoped for, but the expeditious processing of ACL material to KUCHAP components will continue to remain an important reports function. As far as reports credit goes, it must be pointed out that ACL (and RFE) are supplying important current data to most ODAGOG customers regularly through overt channels - a fact which should be taken into account in appraising the total value of these projects.

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